

LIGHTNING AND DEFECTIVE CHIMNEYS

More fire losses are sustained on farm property than on all other classes in Vermont and three-quarters of the farm losses are caused by either lightning or defective chimneys and heating apparatus.

Our experience shows that the proper installation of lightning rods, approved by this company, will largely reduce losses from lightning. Our regular rates on farm buildings so equipped are reduced 10 per cent.

Defective chimneys and defective heating apparatus should be immediately put in good repair. A defective chimney should be immediately taken down to a point where it is perfectly sound and relaid.

The fire loss in this country in the last year was approximately one-fourth of the cost of the Civil War. The people were educated during the late war to conserve in everything, and the lack of immediate attention in the installation of lightning rods or the making of proper and necessary repairs is a lack of conservation and a waste almost criminal.

Every property owner has his individual duty.

UNION MUTUAL Fire Insurance Company

MONTPELIER, VT.

Inquire of any of the following agents:

Bennington, Pownal, Shaftsbury, Woodford:—C. N. Powers, P. O., Bennington.
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WELL DRILLING

Water Supply Systems
 Stewart Brothers
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 Schenectady, N. Y.
 Machine now in town—Inquire
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BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told
 Briefly for Busy Readers

New Records—DeWitt Lewis, Adv.
 Fresh Arlington sausage at: Estes' market. Adv.

Miss Hazel Work told the stories at the Free Library this morning.

E. L. Hawkins of Pawlet has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Frank Wood of Gage street.

Arthur Dumas of Gage street who has been confined to the house with grip, is able to be out again.

Ruth Roland in the opening episode of "The Adventures of Ruth" a serial of action and romantic risk at Harte Theatre today. Adv.

Coming Monday at Library Theatre—the big attraction—"Vera the Medium" starring the famous English beauty Kitty Gordon. Adv.

Guy Parker, who has been spending the week at the home of his brother-in-law, Frank Wood, returned today to his home in Middletown.

Mushrooms, cucumbers, lettuce, radishes, egg plant, oyster plant, beet greens, spinach, cauliflower, peppers, escarole, egg turnips, cabbage, and parsnips at Eses' market. Adv.

Last showing of the most gorgeous, stupendous and spectacular attraction ever seen in Bennington—Cecil B. DeMille's master creation "Male and Female" at Library Theatre today. Adv.

Some show at regular admission. Gads Brockwell in a smashing good western live act picture "Chasing Rainbows". 1st episode of "The Adventures of Ruth" in 3 parts. Mutt and Jeff comedy, Charlie Chaplin in

IF ALL MOTHERS ONLY KNEW

Thousands of Children Suffer from Worms and Their Mothers Do Not Know What the Trouble Is.

Signs of worms are: Deranged stomach, swollen upper lip, sour stomach, offensive breath, hard and full belly with occasional grippings and pains about the navel, pale face of leaden tint, eyes heavy and dull, twitching eyelids, itching of the nose, itching of the rectum, short dry cough grinding of the teeth, little red points sticking out on the tongue, starting during sleep, slow fever.

Mrs. H. N. Roberts, 502 Asylum Street, Flint, Mich., used Dr. True's Elixir for her little baby girl when she was sick. Mrs. Roberts wrote to Dr. True: "My little girl is cured of her worms." And in a later letter wrote: "Baby is fine and I think it was your medicine (Dr. True's Elixir) that helped her." If your baby is ill start giving Dr. True's Elixir at once. Write us freely about the case. No charge for correspondence. Buy Dr. True's Elixir at your drug store or once. Dr. J. F. True & Co., Auburn, Maine.

"The Rink", Harte's orchestra at Harte Theatre today. Adv.

Peanuts and popping corn. Estes market. Adv.

Two shows of 2-12 hours each at Harte Theatre tonight at 8:30 and 9 o'clock.

Fresh pineapples, cranberries, oranges, grape fruit, figs, Dromedary dates, and eating apples. Estes market. Adv.

Miss Donna Rousseau of Grove street, who has been ill for several days with olive poisoning and a pendicitis was taken Friday evening to the Samaritan hospital in Troy.

Marie Dora, one of the world's greatest screen stars in her new picture of thrills and mystery in 6 act "12-10" and the "De Wolf Duo" a singing and instrumental act at Harte Theatre Monday. Adv.

A surprise party was tendered George Westfall at his home on Morgan street last evening, in honor of his birthday anniversary. A pleasant evening was spent with music and games. Before leaving he guests presented Mr. Westfall with a gold watch chain as a memento of the occasion.

There is to be a tea in the Young Woman's club rooms Sunday night at 5 o'clock for the members and their friends. An invitation is given to a who have at any time been member of the club, and to the members of the Tuesday night "Gym" class. It is expected that Miss Guttererson will be present. Miss Guttererson is the League secretary for western Massachusetts and is to be in Bennington for some time. Bring your Massachusetts League songs.

WAGES JUMP 100 PER CENT IN 12 MONTHS

Woolen Industry Showed Greatest Increase as Reported by Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Washington Feb. 21.—Increases of from 25 to 125 per cent in wages paid by eleven of the thirteen leading manufacturing industries of the country in January as compared with a year ago, were shown in reports issued by the bureau of labor statistics. The woolen industry showed the highest advance.

The volume of employment increased from four to fifty per cent in ten of the thirteen industries.

BRYAN ON MICHIGAN BALLOT

As Candidate for Democratic Presidential Nomination in Primaries.

Lansing, Mich., Feb. 21.—Petitions to place the name of William J. Bryan on the ballot as a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination were received by the secretary of state Thursday.

To Guard Against Influenza

Don't let the dread influenza get you. If you have even the slightest cough or cold, better begin using Foley's Honey and Tar at once. Henry Willis, Sandy Point, Texas, is one of many thousands who consider this remedy "just fine." He says: "I suffered severely, with a bad cough, after using four or five dollars worth of different medicines decided to try Foley's Honey and Tar. One bottle gave relief. Best medicine I ever used." Contains no opiates. Sold everywhere.

The postman is a paymaster who brings you a comfortable check monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually, as you prefer, when you buy a National Annual. Let us tell you more about it. 71st year. National Life Ins. Co. (Mutual) Earle 3 Kinsey General Agent, Mead Building, Rutland, Vt. Adv.

Estate of Rachel Pepper

STATE OF VERMONT
 District of Bennington
 The Honorable Probate Court for the District of Bennington.

To all persons interested in the estate of Rachel Pepper late of Bennington in said District deceased.

Greeting: At a Probate Court, holden at Bennington within and for said District on the 7th day of February, 1920, an instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Rachel Pepper late of Bennington in said District deceased was presented to the Court aforesaid for Probate.

And it is ordered by said Court that the 9th day of March 1920, at the Probate Office in said Bennington, be assigned for proving said instrument and that notice thereof be given to all persons concerned by publishing this order three weeks successively in the Bennington Evening Banner, a newspaper circulating in that vicinity, in said District, previous to the time appointed.

Therefore, you are hereby notified to appear before said Court, at the time and place aforesaid, and contest the probate of said will if you have cause.

Given under my hand at Bennington in said District, this 13th day of February, 1920.

AMY H. HARBOUR, Register.

THE Drysdale Store

GEORGE WASHINGTON



could jump higher, run faster, lift more, throw a stone further and throw a boy harder than any pupil in school.

George was 7 when he cut the cherry tree. He was 11 when his father died.

His attendance at school ended when he was 16. He soon entered the profession of civil engineering and here we get a glint of the dependability of the man. The corner posts that he established by a simple compass and by the light of bonfires on the mountains, still remain as permanent lines and against all of the technical high-power transits in the hands of modern civil engineers.

GEORGE WASHINGTON took the oath of office as first President of the United States of America in the balcony of Federal Hall, New York City on April 30, 1789.

At the time of Washington's death he was the largest land owner in the country—being in possession of over 60,000 acres. The value of Washington's property at his death was estimated at \$530,000.

It has been noted that George used swear words when excited and that he was found in prayer on the battlefields. Truly the immortal George was a regular He-Man.

Martha Dandridge Custis Washington



who became the wife of George Washington in 1759 was a most loyal wife; sharing with her husband all the sorrows and joys of his eventful career. When Washington was first inaugurated the seat of government was in New York City and there in a simple dwelling Mrs. Washington held her old-fashioned levees.

Mrs. Washington in spite of her preciseness and dignity was a kind hearted little lady with frank hazel eyes and engaging manners.

In the second year of Washington's administration the seat of government was removed to Philadelphia—and there when finally settled in her new and rather modest home, she again opened her home to the nation's guests.

When at last Washington's second term was ended the little lady retired to the delightful and quiet life on their Southern plantation.

"—simple in her dress, with great quietness of taste in the ordering of her household, she was a model housekeeper."



This DRYSDALE STORE

is ardently striving for the Mrs. Washington sort of reputation. A reputation for keeping a clean, neat, orderly merchandise house. Just at present our Second and Third floors are in the hands of the carpenters and painters—enlarging, improving and brightening up wherever possible.

Every nook and corner throughout our four floors are to be ramsacked and all past season's accumulations cleared away, so that when we announce our readiness for Spring, a sweetly fresh, clean place of business will await our customers and store folks.

PRESENT INCONVENIENCES caused by disarrangement of stocks and otherwise; we ask visitors to the store to kindly overlook for a week or two longer as we feel certain the added comforts and conveniences we are planning for you will more than offset present occasional annoyances.

Alexander Drysdale & Son

Today HARTE THEATRE Today

A FULL TWO AND ONE-HALF HOUR SHOW

Another Big Show for Little Money—A Real Entertainment.

Pictures of the Very Highest Quality

1--"Chasing Rainbows" —with— GLADYS BROCKWELL

A five part western picture in which beauty conquers lawless men. It's one of the best.

CHAPTER NO. 1

2--"The Adventures of Ruth" featuring beautiful RUTH ROLAND. A serial crammed with high heart interest, romantic adventure and enthralling speed.

3--Mutt & Jeff Comedy

4--Charlie Chaplin IN "The Rink" One Scream from Start to Finish

VAUDEVILLE---Thomas & Tilley

Lady and Gentleman in a good singing, dancing and talking act.—Last appearance.

Two shows tonight at 6:30 and 9 o'clock. Harte's Orchestra, the best in the state, will furnish music.

Monday—Vaudeville—DeWolf Duo—lady and gentleman singing an instrumental act MARIE DORA—one of the world's greatest stars in Herbert Brenon's latest production. "12-10"—A super-special feature crammed with thrills and mystery—Chapter No. 3 of "The Invisible Hand."

3 P. M.
7 P. M.
and
9 P. M.

Library Theatre

(THE HOME OF BETTER PICTURES.)

Today

Matinee
Adults 25c
Children 15c
Evening
Adults 35c
Children 20c
Plus War Tax.

LAST SHOWING

Last showing of the most gorgeous, stupendous and spectacular attraction ever presented in Bennington—ask someone who has seen it.

CECIL B. DeMILLE'S tremendous production "Male and Female"

[9 Sensational Parts]

Monday—The famous English Beauty, KITTY GORDON in "VERA THE MEDIUM" a big special "Select Pictures" attraction—a story of mystery and revenge.

Coming—Another big one—ALICE BRADY in "THE FEAR MARKET."

It's Coming—The most pitiful—the most tragic—the most beautiful thing that ever reached the screen, D. W. Griffith's masterpiece "Broken Blossoms."